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INFO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, IZ, IR

SUBJ: IRANIAN HELICOPTER AND CREW

REF: BAGHDAD 101

1. FRENCH CHARGE SAILLARD TOLD ME MAR 26 THAT IRAQ HAD JUST
TURNED OVER THREE IRANIAN CREW MEMBERS AND HELICOPTER
TO IRAN, BUT WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION.

2. HEAD OF IRANIAN INTERESTS SECTION SCHMUTZ (SWISS) HAD TOLD ME
MAR 23 THAT THERE WAS NOTHING NEW ON IRANIAN HELICOPTER CREW OTHER
THAN FACT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NOTE FROM IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTRY
CONFIRMING FOR FIRST TIME IN WRITING THAT THREE CREW MEMBERS HAD
BEEN GIVEN ASYLUM AS REQUESTED AND DID NOT WISH TO SEE IRANIAN
REPRESENTATIVE. HELICOPTER WILL BE GIVEN BACK WHENEVER IRAN WANTS
IT. SCHMUTZ WAS AWAITING NEXT MOVE FROM TEHRAN.

3. USINT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING CREW' S ACCOUNT OF
THEIR TREATMENT BY IRAQUIS IF EMBASSY TEHRAN OBTAINS IT.
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